



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-186

From: Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Date: June 10, 2021

Subject: Draft Health Related Services Grant-In-Aid Policy 0340-64

RECOMMENDATION: #1: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board approve in principle 'Health Related Services Grant-In-Aid Policy 0340-64', which is intended to establish clear guidelines for the Regional Board and staff for the evaluation, award, and communication of Grant-in-Aid to not-for-profit organizations seeking financial support for the provision of various health-related services in the Region, if approval of the electors is obtained at the July 17, 2021 Assent Voting for the proposed Health Related Services Grant In Aid Service.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

At the April 29, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Regional Board discussed how grant funds would be distributed if the proposed function for Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid (GIA) Service (Establishment Bylaw No. 2445, 2021) is approved. The Committee of the Whole suggested implementing a Health Related Services GIA policy, to define grant parameters and eligibility criteria to refine what types of grants would be considered under the proposed new function.

At the May 13, 2021 Regional Board Meeting, the following resolution was adopted:

MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED

That the Regional Board authorize staff to draft a policy applicable to health related services that mirrors previous policies and provides parameters for grant eligibility.

Staff have attached a draft Health Related Grant-in-Aid Policy for the Regional Board's consideration that provides a definition of 'other health related services' to refine what types of services may be considered for grant in aid under the proposed new service function.

As Search and Rescue Grants are proposed to be incorporated into and funded from the Health Related Services Grant in Aid function, the current Search and Rescue Policy 0340-58 adopted by the Regional Board on July 17, 2021, that established guidelines and procedures for organizations applying for funds from the PRRD to support search and rescue activities, has been included in this policy for the administration of health related services grants in aid. If approval of the electors is obtained, Policy 0340-58 will be repealed and replaced by the new draft policy. The attached draft Health Related Services Grant-In Aid Policy includes parameters for Search and Rescue GIA funds.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Organizational Effectiveness
- ☒ Comprehensive Policy Review

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Within Bylaw No. 2445, 2021, the maximum requisition limit that may be requisitioned in any one year for the service is the greater of \$750,000 or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of \$0.05/\$1,000 when applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area. During the annual budget process, the Regional Board shall allocate Health Related Services grant-in-aid funding.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

If the Regional Board provides approval in principle for the draft Health Related Services GIA Policy, it will be included in information packages and public meeting presentations regarding the proposed service, in the event that residents have questions about what could be funded if the service is approved. A virtual public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23rd at 6:00pm.

Information regarding the proposed new service is also being posted to the PRRD website at prrd.bc.ca/administration/elections. As there are three different elector approval processes underway in the PRRD at this time, each service will have its own project page on the Have Your Say platform, linked from the elections page on the website.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

If approval of the electors is NOT obtained at the July 17, 2021 Referendum, the draft Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid Policy will remain as a draft and not be presented to the Board for adoption and the existing Search and Rescue Policy 0340-58 adopted by the board in July 2017 will remain in effect.

Attachments:

1. Draft Health Related Services Grant-In-Aid Policy
2. Search and Rescue Grants Policy